

Accela Citizen Access (ACA) Tutorial City of High Point

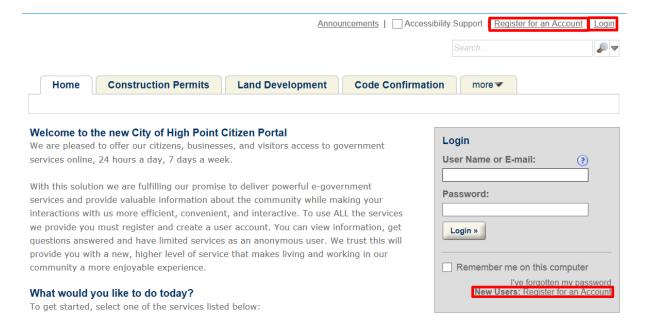
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How to Register for an Account

- 1) For first time users please "Register for an Account"
 - For returning customers please continue to login with your existing credentials.
- 2) Go to https://acceladmz.highpointnc.gov/chpaca/welcome.aspx. At the top right you can Login or Register for an Account. You can also register for an account in the grey Login window.



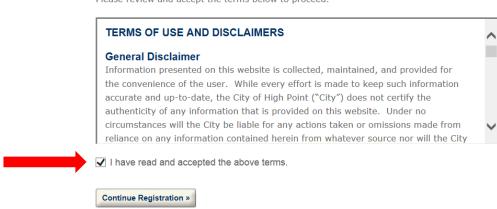
3) After you have read and agree to the terms of use, check the box "I have read and accept the above terms" and click "Continue to Registration".

Account Registration

You will be asked to provide the following information to open an account:

- Choose a user name and password
- Personal and Contact Information
- License Numbers if you are registering as a licensed professional (optional)

Please review and accept the terms below to proceed.



4) Next, please fill out the information you would like to use to login with. (You will need to remember this information to use Accela in the future).

Enter/Confirm Your Account Information * indicates a required field. **Login Information** * User Name: ? JohnDoe1234 *E-mail Address: JohnDoe1234@email.com * Password: ? ••••• * Type Password Again: ••••• *Enter Security Question: (?) What is your favorite city in North Carolina? ? High Point * Mobile Phone: 123-456-7890 **Contact Information**

5) After your information is complete and accurate, under "Contact Information" click "Add New". (This is required in order to continue making your account.)

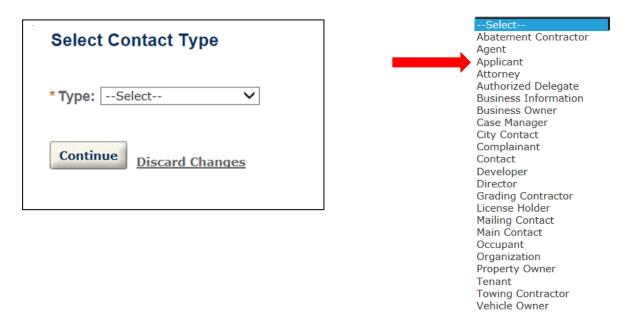
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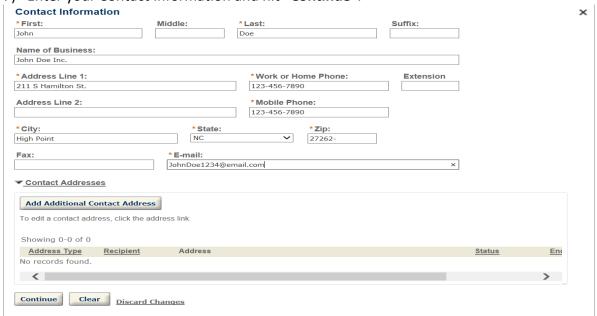
Account Registration Step 2:

Add New

6) Select your "Contact Type" and hit "Continue". (Applicant if you are applying for a permit)



7) Enter your Contact Information and hit "Continue".

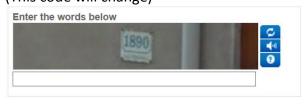


8) You should get a message displaying that your "Contact was added successfully". From there you can edit or delete your profile.



Continue Registration »

9) Enter the security code below and continue with your registration and click "Continue Registration". (This code will change)



10) You should get another notification that your account was added successfully and you can now proceed to login.



How to Link a Professional License to Your Account

- 1) Before you can add a license to your account, make sure you have applied and "Registered as a Professional" through the City of High Point.
- 2) Once you log into Accela, in the top right hand corner click "Account Management".



To add a License click "Add a License".



4) Please enter License Type and License Number and click "Find License"



Find License

5) Once you have found your **License Information**, click on the License Number where it will show you more information about the License. If you do not see your correct License please click "**Search Again**" until you find the correct one. After finding your correct license make sure you "**Connect"** it with your account.



6) Once you click "**Connect**", you will be prompted to confirm that this is the license you want to associate with your account. Click "**OK**".



Note: The request must be "Activated" by City Staff. This may take a couple business days to take effect. Once activated, the Professional License will be linked to the ACA user.

7) You will then get a message saying that your license was added successfully.

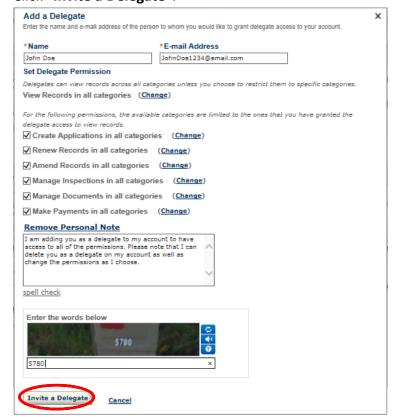


How to Add a Delegate to your Account

- 1) A **Delegate** is someone that you can assign to have access to work on your account based on the certain permissions you allow them to have.
- 2) Under "Account Management", scroll down to "Delegates" and click "Add Delegate".



3) Type in their Name and Email Address and select the "Permissions" you wish them to have access to. Click "Invite a Delegate".



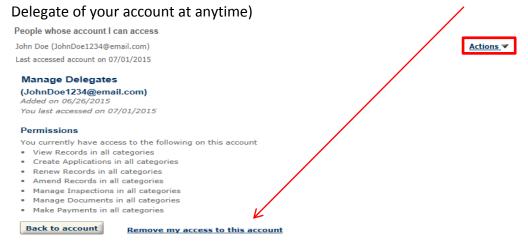
4) Once you have invited them, you can see and manage who you have invited as a delegate.



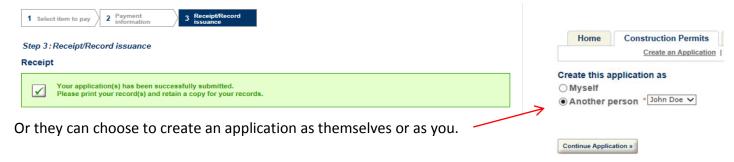
5) The delegate you requested will receive an email that notifies them that they will need to log into their Citizens Access in order to **Accept** or **Reject**.



6) Once they accept, they will now have access to the permissions that you have granted them. You can change the permissions or remove them at any time. (They can also remove themselves from being a



- 7) As the Delegate, they can now do things such as:
- View your records
- · Create applications from your account
- · Renew and Amend your records
- Manage your Inspections and other Documents
- Make payments from your account
- 8) For example, they can choose an item to pay for you, then enter their payment information and done.



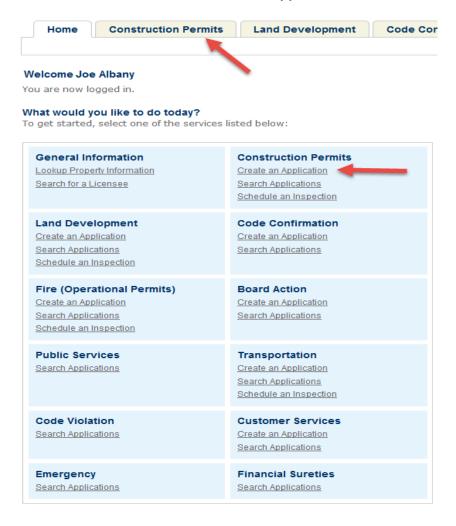
How to Apply for Permits

- 1) Once you have created your account in ACA you can now:
 - a. Apply for permits
 - b. Check Plan Review workflow status
 - c. Review building Permit status
 - d. Review inspection results for issued permits
 - e. Schedule inspections
 - f. Search permit Activity
 - g. Map permit Activity
 - h. Lookup property Information
 - i. Search for a license
 - j. View announcements
 - k. Manage collections
 - I. Easily manage all of your applications and check status.
- 2) Once you **Login** using your existing credentials, you will be brought to the home screen.

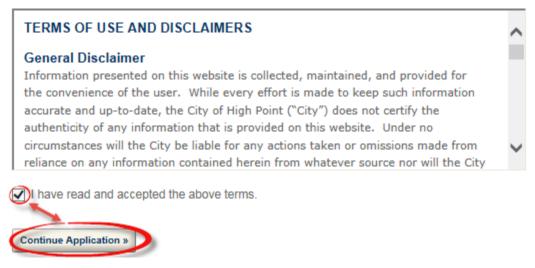


(For an example, we will demonstrate how to apply for a **Construction Residential OTC Permit**. Most of the applications have very similar steps, however, some may require more documents. Ex. Building plans.)

3) You can either click on the "Construction Permits" tab at the top or you can go under the Construction Permits window and click "Create an Application"

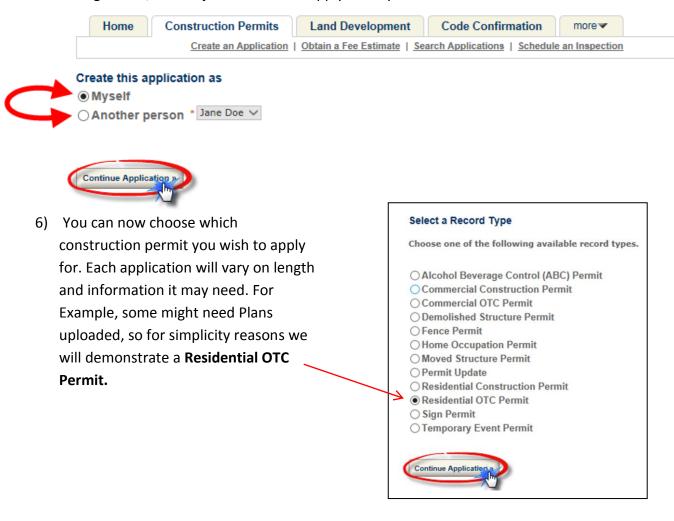


4) Once you have read and agree to the terms, please check "I have read and accept the above terms". Then click "Continue Application".



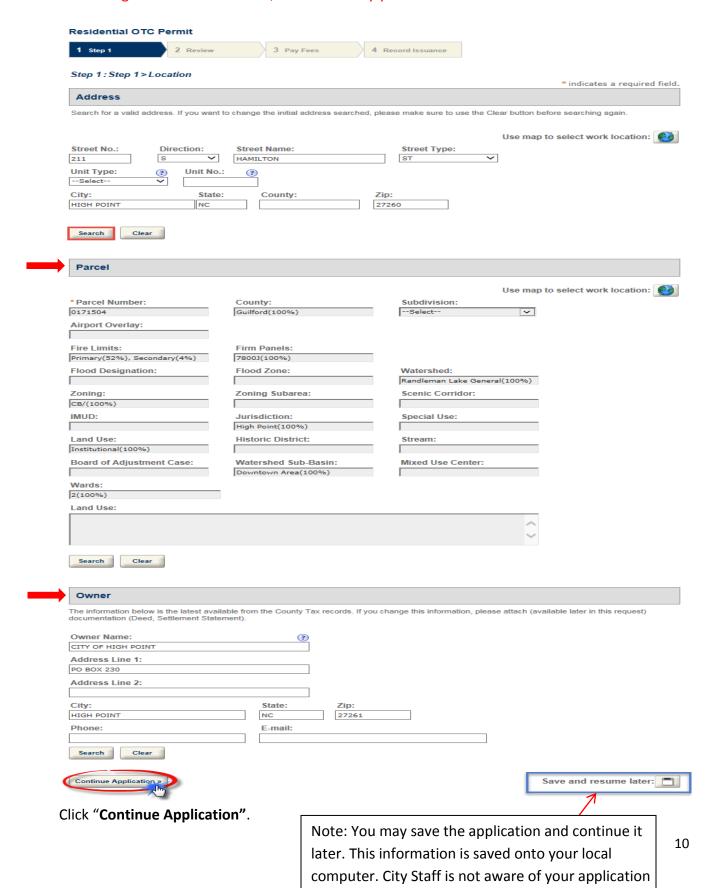
- 5) Next, you will be brought to a screen where it might look different depending on how you have configured your account through "Account Management". If you are a Delegate of someone's account this screen will show, if you are not a Delegate, please see Step 6.
 - **[Note: If you are a **Delegate** of someone else's account (depending on the permissions they have given you), you will be able to act as them through the application process. The computer will think you are them.]**

For right now, we will just continue to apply as "Myself".



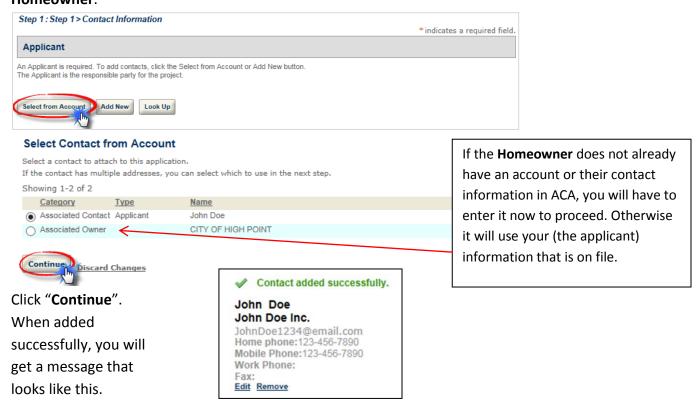
Not sure which Record Type to select? Click here for a complete listing of Record Type definitions and required information.

7) Next, enter the Address of the permit location (The address where the construction or project will take place). Once you enter the Address, it should automatically fill the Parcel and Owner information. Please just put in the street number and street name. Do not fill out all fields. The more general address search, the more likely you are to find the correct address.



until it is submitted and paid for.

8) You will now have to select which contact information you wish to have attached with this application. Click "Select from Account" and select which contact you want that will be contacted if there are any issues with the application. Example: Needs more information to process or needs more documentation. You can choose between the Applicant and the Homeowner.



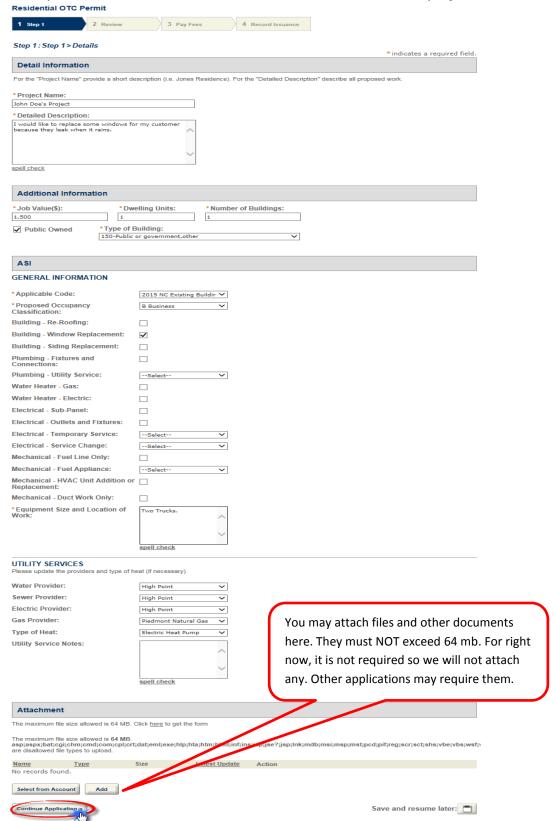
9) If you have already registered as a "**Professional**" with the city, you can now choose which license you would like to attach to the application. If you have not "**Registered as a Professional**", please do so here: **Professional Registration**



-You can **Add New** or **Look Up** your existing license. When you find your license, connect it to your account and click "**Continue Application**".



10) Next, you will have to fill out the detailed information about the project.



Click "Continue Application" when all of the information is correctly filled out.

11) Please review your application to reassure its accuracy.

Residential OTC Permit

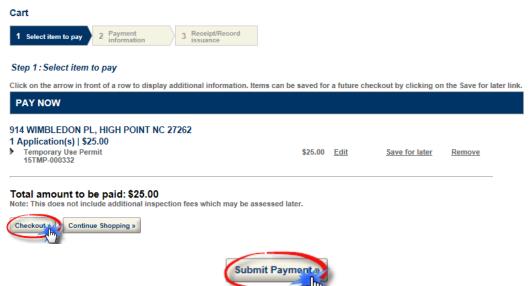


12) After you have checked over your document and click "Continue Application", you will be prompted to pay the fee associated with your type of application. Fees vary according to the type of application. If there are no fees associated with the application it will automatically take you to your receipt page.

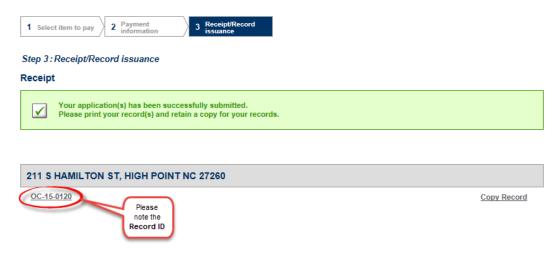
(Note: You can use ACA to get a quote on certain application fees)

13) Please click "Checkout" and enter in your payment information or click "Continue Shopping" to create another applications and pay for several at once.

You can save payments for later by clicking "Save for later"



- 14) Click "Submit Payment".
- 15) Then you will be given your **Record ID**. You can use the **Record ID** to track the status of your **Application**. Please print or write down the **Record ID** so that you can refer back to your application at any given time.



Project Management

How to Check Status of Your Application

- 1) Once you Login to Accela Citizen Access (ACA), you can:
 - Check your Applications' status
 - Manage your Applications
 - See the date you submitted your **Applications**
 - See your Applications' Record Numbers
 - See the description of your Applications
 - Download the results of your Applications
- 2) You can check the status by one of two ways:
 - 1-By clicking the "Search Applications" link from the Home page.



-OR-

2-By clicking one of the module tabs and then clicking "Search Applications"



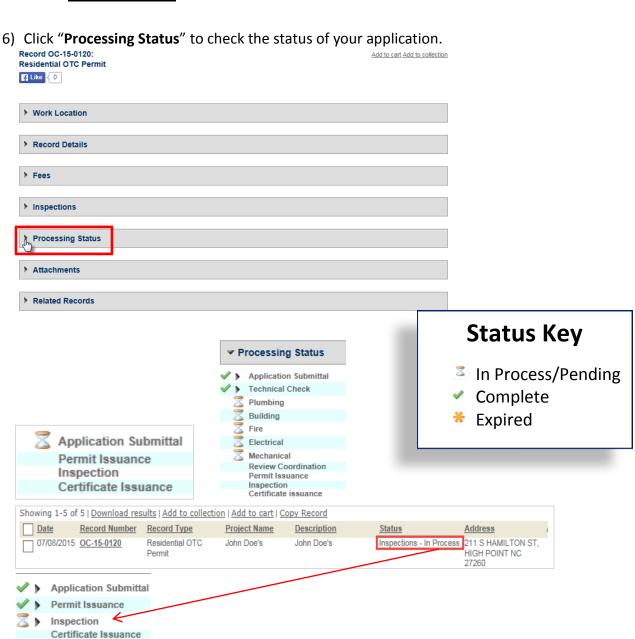
3) Once you click "Search Applications", you will be brought to a screen where you can see all your Applications.



4) To see more details about your application click the "Record Number".

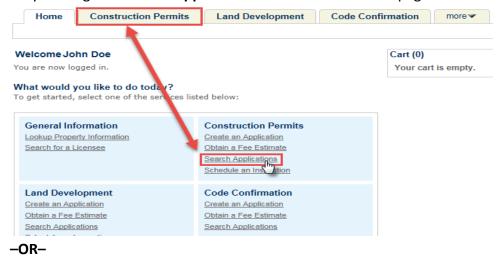


- 5) Here is where you can:
 - Work Location See your Project on a map
 - Record Details See a detailed description of your Application
 - Fees See and pay your Application fees
 - Inspections See and schedule Inspections
 - Processing Status Check your Application's status
 - Attachments See your Application's Attachments (Plans)
 - <u>Related Records</u> See related records



How to Schedule an Inspection

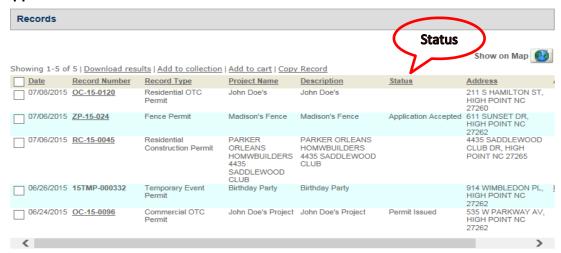
- 1) You can schedule or reschedule inspections by one of two ways:
 - 1-By clicking the "Search Applications" link from the Home page.



2-By clicking one of the module tabs and then clicking "Search Applications"



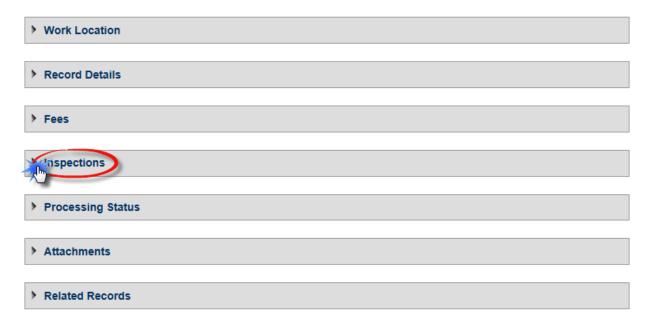
2) Once you click "Search Applications", you will be brought to a screen where you can see all your Applications.



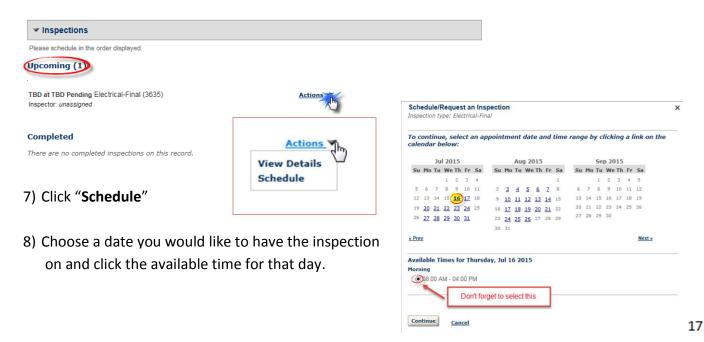
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- 4) Here is where you can:
 - Work Location See your Project on a map
 - Record Details See a detailed description of your Application
 - Fees See and pay your Application fees
 - Inspections See and schedule Inspections
 - Processing Status Check your Application's status
 - Attachments See your Application's Attachments (Plans)
 - Related Records See related records
- 5) Click "**Inspections**" to see schedules inspections, schedule inspections or reschedule inspections.

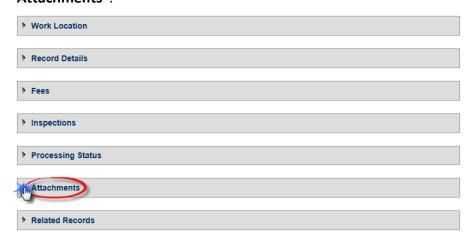


6) After a permit has been issued you will be able to schedule an inspection. Click the down arrow next to **Actions.**



How to Add New or Revised Documents

1) Repeat steps 1 – 4 in "**Project Management"** until you get to this screen. Click "**Attachments**".



- 2) When the module open up, you can click "Select from Account" or "Add".
- 3) By clicking "Selecting from Account", you will select a document that you have uploaded to your account in "Account Management". This document will always be on your account until you delete it.
 - -By selecting "Add", you will be able to choose a file from your computer.

(Note: As of right now, you may only upload documents and other attachments in a PDF format. Accela does not accept Word docs or AUTOCAD files. Remember files must be under 64 MB)



- 4) After clicking "Add", choose the file you wish to upload and click "Open".
- 5) Add a description of the file you are uploading. Please state if the file is incomplete, or if you have received your original document with City Staff's comments/remarks and this file you're uploading is the new one with the changes on it. Please describe. Click "Save" to Submit.



6) You should see your document under the **Attachments** Module.

<u>View People Attachments</u>								
<u>Name</u>	Record ID	Record Type	Entity Type	<u>Type</u>	Size	<u>Latest Update</u>	Ac	
Professional	OC-15-0129	Commercial OTC Permit	Record	Laserfiche	64.04 KB	07/15/2015	Ac	
Registration test	t.pdf			Document				

How to Search For a Record

- 1) You can search for a record by one of two ways:
 - 1-By clicking the "Search Applications" link from the Home page.

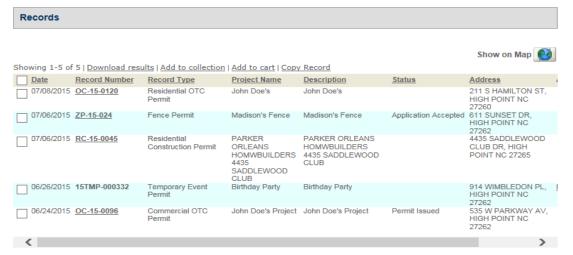


-OR-

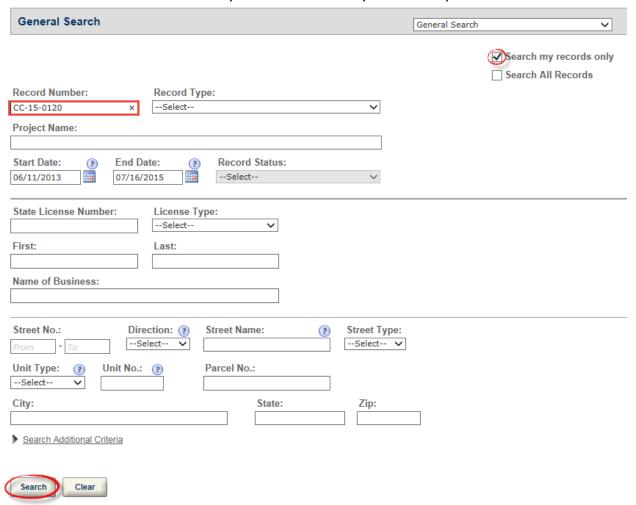
2-By clicking one of the module tabs and then clicking "Search Applications"



2) Once you click "Search Applications", you will be brought to a screen where you can see all your Applications and records.



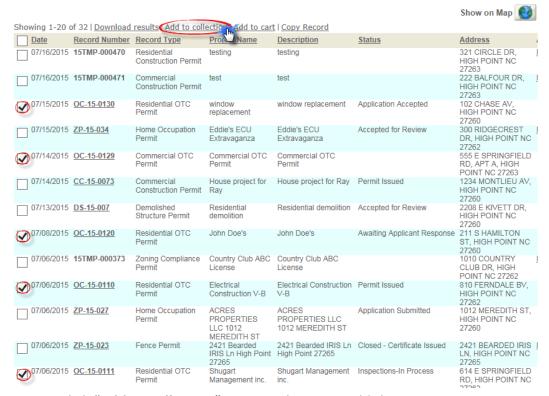
- 3) To search for a certain record you can scroll down to the bottom of the page under "General Search" and search for anyone's record, including other peoples since it is public information.
 - The fastest way to search for a specific Application or Record is by the Record Number or Record ID
 - Notice how you can limit your search to Your Records Only or All Records.
 (if you do not select one of the boxes, it will default to All Records)
 - The more information you enter the faster you can find your results.



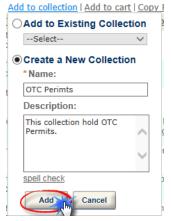
6) Click "Search" and click on your record.

How to Create a Collection

- 1) Go to "Search Applications" and select the files you wish to add to a collection by checking the boxes to the left of the Record.
- 2) Once you have checked the records you want to add to a Collection, click "Add to Collection"



Once you click "Add to Collection" You can choose to add them to an existing or create a new one.



4) You can quickly find your Collections by clicking Collections at the top of the page at any given time.



Selecting the Correct Record Type

Permit Requests (Record Type) Available

Commercial Construction Permit (CC-YY-####) - Required for all work on a commercial building that doesn't qualify for an "Over the Counter" request.

Commercial OTC Permit (OC-YY-####) - The Commercial "Over the Counter" Permit request is available for the work outlined in the table below. It is anticipated that this list will grow over time. When changes are made all contractors in the Accela system will be notified.

ELECTRICAL	ME	CHANICAL	PLUMBING	
 □ Replacement (like for like with no increase in load) □ Minor Work (includes up to 5 devices (i.e. lights (track lighting is one device), switches, outlets, etc.) □ Minor Low Voltage (includes up to 5 devices (i.e. cameras, data ports, speakers, fixtures, etc.)). □ Service Change □ 200 amps or less □ Greater than 200 amps □ Temporary Service □ 60 amps or less □ Greater than 60 amps 	□ HVAC Unit I	Replacement ber of HVAC Units	□ Water Line Replacement □ Sewer Line Replacement □ Fixture Replacement (includes lavatory, water closets, etc. and also includes appliance replacement (i.e. water heater, dishwasher, etc.)	
FIRE ALARM		FIRE SPRINKLER		
Do not include control panels or power supplies Fire Alarm- Detection System Devices: ☐ Relocation and/or up to 5 new devices ☐ Relocation of existing devices only		Does not include work in Extra Hazard Group I & II Design Area Fire Protection − Sprinkler Heads ☐ Relocation and/or up to 10 new heads ☐ Relocation of existing heads only		

Demolished Structure Permit (DS-YY-###) - This request only applies to the complete demolition of a structure. This request can be used for commercial or residential structures. Note: Commercial interior demolitions use the Commercial Construction Permit.

Fence Permit (ZP-YY-###) - Any fence (non-residential or residential) requires a permit prior to construction.

Home Occupation Permit (ZP-YY-###) - To operate a business from your residence (the place where you personally reside) a Home Occupation Permit is required.

Moved Structure Permit (MS-YY-###) - This request only applies to the complete relocation of a structure. This request can be used for commercial or residential structures.

Permit Update (AR-YY-####) - The record type is used to "Update" your existing permit. Since High Point uses the "Complete" permit model there will be occasions where existing permits need to be updated. Once a request is submitted the "Applicant" can only add documents to a record. They cannot modify any of the information they submitted (i.e. values in specific fields or contractors associated with a project). To submit needed changes/corrections the "Permit Update" request is used.

Residential Construction Permit (OC-YY-####) - Required for all work on a residential building that doesn't qualify for an "Over the Counter" request. Also use this request when multiple trades will be involved in a single project (i.e. kitchen remodel involving building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing trades can be submitted as one permit request. Identify scope of work and contractors).

Residential OTC Permit (OC-YY-####) - The Residential "Over the Counter" Permit request is available for the work outlined in the table below. It is anticipated that this list will grow over time. When changes are made all contractors in the Accela system will be notified.

ELECTRICAL	MECHA	ANICAL	PLUMBING
 □ Replacement (like for like with no increase in load) □ Sub-Panel □ Outlets and Fixtures (no limit, just document the switches, lights, outlets being added/replaced in residence) □ Temporary Service □ 60 amps or less □ Greater than 60 amps □ Service Change □ 200 amps or less □ Greater than 200 amps 	☐ HVAC Unit (addition or rep	w fire insert, etc.) (grill, logs, range, g furnaces (see bw) fuel appliances lacement) HVAC Units	 □ Fixtures and Connections (i.e. bathroom, tub/shower conversion, sinks, dishwasher, and washer machine) □ Plumbing – Utility Services □ Sewer Line □ Water Line □ Both
BUILDING		WATER HEATER	
□ Re-roofing (>\$5,000) [\$15,000 10/1/201	☐ Water Heater - Gas (type being installed)		
☐ Window Replacement (>\$5,000) [\$15,00	□ Water Heater - Electric (type being installed)		
☐ Siding Replacement (>\$5,000) [\$15,000			

Sign Permit (SI-YY-###) - All signage (including banners) require permits prior to installation.

Temporary Use Permit (ZP-YY-###) - Temporary events lasting <u>more</u> than 3 days. Examples include, Christmas Tree Sales, Vegetable Stands, Food Trucks, etc. that are located at a set location up to 30 days. Temporary Events are limited to three 30 day periods at a single location during a calendar year. Note: This record type is also used for "Tent Permits" (regardless of duration). All tents greater than 400 square feet in area and having certain occupancies require review and permitting.

How to Download Silverlight

- 1. If you are having issues with ACA please download Microsoft Silverlight here http://www.microsoft.com/getsilverlight/Get-Started/Install/Default.aspx
- 2. Please follow the instructions on this link.



All Microsoft Sites

Silverlight home page

Get Microsoft Silverlight



QUICK DOWNLOAD / 30 SECOND INSTALL

Installation Instructions

System Requirements

Uninstall Silverlight

1. Verify your system requirements

Make sure you are running a Silverlight-compatible Windows operating system and browser and that you have uninstalled any previous version of Silverlight.

2. Download Silverlight

For Windows Internet Explorer users:

The browser will prompt you to either run or save the installation file (Silverlight.exe). Click **Run** to start the download. When the download is finished, the browser prompts you again to run the installer. Click Run to start the installation. Note that you must have sufficient administrative privileges to install Silverlight.

For Mozilla Firefox users:

Save Silverlight.exe to your hard disk. Once the download is finished, click Open. The installation starts.

3. Install Silverlight

If you are running the Windows Vista operating system, you will be prompted for security permissions. To continue, you need to approve.

Click 'Install now' after reviewing the license agreement and privacy statement.

If you have had a previous version of Silverlight installed, or are using Mozilla Firefox, you will need to restart your browser.

You can now use Silverlight.

4. Verify

Verify your installation by experiencing the Silverlight site.

For installation support, visit our support page.